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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: OSI Disregard of FDD Reports as Source References

REFERENCE: Your inquiry on subject with special reference to  
"Scientific Intelligence Report."

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1. Seventy of the 123 references used in CIA, [redacted] were translated or exploited by FDD and disseminated as [redacted] reports. However, none of the 70 references was attributed to FDD or to a report code number.

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2. This neglect by OSI to reference FDD reports as sources of information appears also to be generally followed in the OSI weekly series, "Scientific Intelligence Digest." As in the CIA, [redacted] report, the original-language sources are given; occasionally "CIA" will be credited for the item with the [redacted] date of publication only.

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3. Broad consideration of OSI reports seems to indicate that crediting FDD products varies among analysts and areas of that office. We have had in the past considerable evidence that crediting of FDD material has been liberal. On the other hand there are such reports as [redacted]

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4. We have had inquiries from OSI personnel regarding the relationship between the uncredited items and FDD reports. Such inquiries have revealed that correct reference of the items to the related [redacted] reports would be of convenience to many consumers who might require fuller treatment of a subject than that included in the SI report.

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5. In the possible presentation of this matter to OSI, the above might be presumed to carry as much weight as would an appeal to intellectual honesty.

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6. Enclosed is a copy of CIA, [redacted] with the appropriate FDD report number noted for each of 70 items cited in the "References." Also enclosed are eight issues of the "Scientific Intelligence Digest" in which FDD reports apparently were used and not credited.

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